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Introduction

This report presents a detailed account of the design and fielding of the 2012-2013 Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey (NASIS). Users of the 2013 NASIS data will find it an important reference source for answers to questions about methodology.

The Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey was conceived as a vehicle both for producing current, topical information about Nebraskans and also for monitoring change in quality of life. As in earlier surveys, NASIS 2013 was a joint effort of the Department of Sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and a variety of public agencies. While the final responsibility for the design and fielding of the survey rests with the Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR), both the costs of the survey and its planning have been shared with the Department of Sociology at UNL as well as several state agencies, private non-profit agencies, and other university departments.

Mode Selection

Historically, NASIS was administered as a telephone interview with adults (ages 19 and older) in households in Nebraska with a landline telephone. Due to rising costs associated with declining response rates for telephone surveys, for the fourth consecutive year NASIS 2013 was administered as a mail survey to Nebraska households. BOSR has used the mail mode in other survey projects, where it has been an efficient and cost-effective method of data collection.

Design and Item Selection

Each Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey is designed to meet the data needs of a diverse group of researchers ranging from UNL faculty and graduate students to professional health associations and state agencies. In order to meet these needs, the instrument involves three stages of development. First, a set of “core” questions is developed. The majority of core items is repeated each year and cover basic demographic information, quality-of-life topics, and general sociological indicators. The core items are intended both to maintain continuity with previous years of NASIS and to provide information on issues of current importance and interest.

The next step in the development of the instrument is to incorporate a second set of questions to meet the data needs of the agencies and organizations purchasing space on the current survey. Interested public agencies and faculty members initially submit questions to be included in the survey. Aside from the core questions, all of those submitting questions are “buyers” (i.e., they contribute toward the cost of the survey in proportion to their data needs). As the questions from each buyer are submitted, they are formatted to fit in a mail survey. NASIS provides a cost-effective vehicle for collecting information about Nebraskans as clients purchase only the space needed to administer their items and are provided the use of the core items as part of their participation in NASIS.

After all buyer and core questions are developed, a draft mail survey is designed and programmed. The mail survey is then pre-tested, and, as is common, minor changes are made in question wording, some questions and clarifications are added to the survey, etc. A copy of the final, formatted mail survey can be found in Appendix B.

Sampling Design

In order to meet the research needs of several clients and increase the sample coverage, the sampling design of the 2013 NASIS mail survey used a postal delivery sequence based sample of household addresses (ABS). The sample includes addresses for individuals and households who have an address according to the US Postal Service. Advantages to this type of sampling design include the ability to mail to all sampled addresses as well as very high coverage.

Traditionally, the NASIS sample was drawn from a population of non-institutionalized persons in households with telephones who resided in the State of Nebraska during the survey period. Persons under 19 years of age, persons in custodial institutions, in group living quarters, on military bases, reservations, and transient visitors to the state are excluded from the sampling universe. Since its inception in 1977, NASIS used Random Digit Dialing (RDD) procedures to select survey respondents. In 2006, NASIS respondents were drawn from a directory-listed sample of telephone numbers—a change prompted by challenges in sampling related to the proliferation of cell-phone-only adults and increased costs of RDD on the scale of NASIS. In NASIS 2008-2009, the sample design consisted of three segments: (1) a traditional directory listed sample; (2) a sample of participants of the 2007 NASIS (i.e., panel); and (3) an oversample of four counties (Colfax, Dawson, Hall, and Scotts Bluff) in Nebraska with high proportions of Hispanic/Latino residents. In 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, the sampling design utilized was a directory listed address sample. Last year (2011-2012) marked the first year an ABS sample was used.

The sample for the 2013 NASIS was purchased from Survey Sampling International, LLC (SSI). A total 6,000 cases were provided to BOSR by SSI on June 17, 2013.

Experimental Design Treatment

A BOSR client added several experimental design treatments to the 2013 NASIS survey to test the effect of including new response options in the marital status item and the effect of cover art. The sample was randomly divided into six groups. Three different version of the cover art were tested and within each cover version half of the group was assigned to either the traditional marital status question or a revised version inclusive of same sex status. The three different covers included one treatment with no cover images and two different covers with art displaying individuals and families. Because one cover art treatment may have had a biasing effect on response, the oversample data (N= 541) for that cover version is not included in any other clients' data set. Experimental designs can be viewed along with the survey instrument in Appendix B. Because the new version of the marital status item could be collapsed into the previous version, all clients will receive the traditional version of marital status. Additional information concerning the methodological experiments included in the 2013 NASIS can be obtained by contacting BOSR.

Data Collection Process

Data were collected between June 24, 2013 and September 16, 2013. Each survey packet contained a cover letter (Appendix A), survey booklet (Appendix B), a future research interest card (Appendix C), and large postage-paid business reply envelope. The survey contained 85 questions (a total of 225 items) in 10 pages. Due to budget limitations, no monetary incentive was offered with any mailing.

A reminder postcard (Appendix D) was sent to all non-responders in all treatment groups about one week after the group's initial mailing (June 28, 2013). In addition to the reminder postcard, a second survey packet (contents discussed above) was sent to all remaining non-responders on

July 22, 2013. Additionally, a third survey packet was mailed to remaining non-responders on August 16, 2013. A total of 1608 completed surveys were received and processed by BOSR through September 16, 2013.

Response Rate

A total of 1608 adults completed the 2013 NASIS mail survey. The response rate of 27.3% was calculated using the American Association for Public Opinion Research's (AAPOR) standard definition for Response Rate 1 (with an adjustment that calculates undeliverables from the initial mailing as ineligible), which divides total completed surveys by the total sample size. Of the 6,000 addresses sampled, 5 cases were identified as ineligible households (e.g., nursing home, uninhabited/household member deceased), 10.2% (n=609) were undeliverable addresses, and 51.9% (n=3112) were unknown/non-response. A total of 5523 cases were deemed eligible and deliverable. Completed surveys were received from 29.1% (n=1608) of these households. Refusals (e.g., blank survey returned; letter, phone call, or e-mail stating refusal to participate) and refused mail were obtained from 0.9% (n=51) of the adjusted sample. Please note that due to possible response bias concerns with one experimental treatment, 2013 NASIS clients' data sets only include 1067 cases.

Data-Entry Training, Supervision, and Quality Control

Data entry was completed by professional data-entry staff. Many of the data-entry workers had previous experience in data entry using epi6 on other mail survey projects. The data-entry staff was supervised by permanent BOSR project staff.

Data entry was completed in two steps. First, one data-entry worker would enter responses from a single survey. Second, another data-entry worker would re-key the survey and be alerted to any discrepancies with the first entry. Supervisory staff members were available to answer questions about discrepancies or illegible responses. The data-entry staff is paid by the hour, not by the number of surveys entered. This method of payment is used so that we can ensure the high quality of the data collected by our staff.

Processing of Completed Surveys

The data were collected from June 24, 2013 to September 16, 2013. Completed surveys were returned by a total of 1608 respondents. Completed interviews were carefully processed and recorded by the BOSR staff to ensure that each interview was accounted for and its progress along the various steps of editing, coding, merging, and uploading could be monitored.

As previously mentioned, surveys were data-entered using epi6 software with data saved on a networked file server. Each day, automatic backups were made of all directories containing information relevant to the survey. Some open-ended information, such as the county and city codes, were assigned numeric codes by the BOSR staff and also merged with the remainder of the data. The city and county codes are listed in Appendix D.

Data Cleaning

The data are recorded and stored on a secure server located within the Sociology Department at UNL. The Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software package was used to process and document the dataset. The first step in data cleaning was to run frequency distributions on each of the variables in the survey. The second step was to generate variable and value labels (attempts were made to match the variable names and values for core items that appeared in previous NASIS administration periods). The final step in data cleaning was to recode all open-ended "other" responses on core variables and check for out-of-range values on

all survey items. Recoding was done to correct for the most obvious errors/inconsistencies in the data.

Since the data collected contains information specific to the topic, additional decisions related to cleaning and recoding of the data will be left to the client to ensure final data quality. It should be noted, too, that due to the nature of mail surveys, respondents do not always follow the instructions for skip patterns within the survey. Inconsistencies, which are common in mail surveys, will still exist in the data due to item non-response.

The cleaned, coded data were stored in an SPSS system file. A list of all variables in the archive file and the variable names used in the SPSS system file for each variable are included in Appendix E. Datasets for users involving subsets of items in the file were generated by selecting the appropriate items from this main file.

The most economical and flexible manner to use the NASIS data is by using the SPSS for Windows software program. It is also possible to produce a dataset for SAS, among other possible data formats. Any additional needs or questions concerning the NASIS dataset should be directed to the Bureau of Sociological Research.

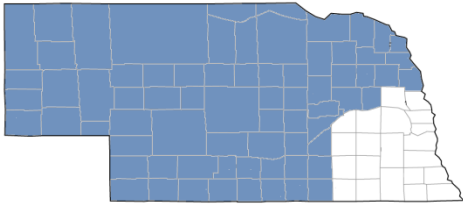
NASIS Sample Weights

The data were weighted in three ways to account for the within household probability of selection, nonresponse, and population characteristics. First, data were weighted by the number of adults living in the household in order to adjust for within-household selection probability. Then, the data were weighted for nonresponse by state region. Please refer to Figure 1 for a description of the regions. Lastly, poststratification weights were applied based on age, gender and state region in order for the data to more closely resemble the population. Tables 1 and 2 display 2010 Census population data and NASIS weighted and unweighted frequencies. The final weight in the dataset is called PWEIGHT.

Questions

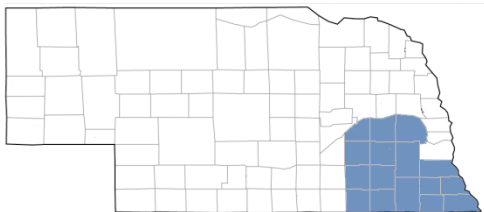
Any questions regarding this report or the data collected can be directed to the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by calling (402) 472-3672 or by sending an e-mail to bosr@unl.edu.

Figure 1
Definitions of Regions



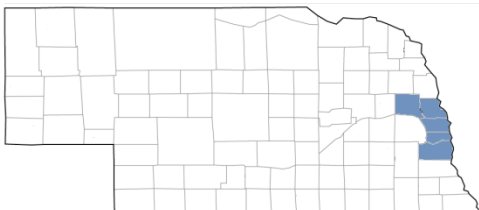
Central and West

Adams	Dundy	Loup
Antelope	Franklin	McPherson
Arthur	Frontier	Madison
Banner	Furnas	Merrick
Blaine	Garden	Morrill
Boone	Garfield	Nance
Box Butte	Gosper	Nuckolls
Boyd	Grant	Perkins
Brown	Greeley	Phelps
Buffalo	Hall	Pierce
Burt	Hamilton	Platte
Cedar	Harlan	Red Willow
Chase	Hayes	Rock
Cherry	Hitchcock	Scotts Bluff
Cheyenne	Holt	Sheridan
Clay	Hooker	Sherman
Colfax	Howard	Sioux
Cuming	Kearney	Stanton
Custer	Keith	Thomas
Dakota	Keya Paha	Thurston
Dawes	Kimball	Valley
Dawson	Knox	Wayne
Deuel	Lincoln	Webster
Dixon	Logan	



Southeast

Cass	Nemaha	Saline
Fillmore	Otoe	Saunders
Gage	Pawnee	Seward
Jefferson	Polk	Thayer
Johnson	Richardson	York
Lancaster		



Midland

Butler
Dodge
Douglas
Sarpy
Washington

TABLE 1
REPRESENTATIVENESS OF 2013 NASIS SAMPLE BY REGION OF STATE
(Percentage Distribution by Region)

REGION	BASED ON 2010 CENSUS ESTIMATES	NASIS, UNWEIGHTED	NASIS, WEIGHTED BY PWEIGHT
Central and West	34.1%	30.2%	34.2%
Midland (Omaha Area)	41.5%	38.3%	39.9%
Southeast	24.4%	31.5%	25.9%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

TABLE 2
REPRESENTATIVENESS OF 2012-2013 NASIS SAMPLE BY AGE AND SEX
(Percentage Distribution in Age and Sex Categories)

CATEGORY	BASED ON 2010 CENSUS ESTIMATE	NASIS, UNWEIGHTED	NASIS, WEIGHTED BY PWEIGHT
AGE:			
19 - 44	46.4%	24.0%	46.4%
45 - 64	35.2%	41.7%	35.2%
65+	18.4%	34.3%	18.4%
SEX:			
Males	49.6%	41.9%	49.1%
Females	50.4%	58.1%	50.9%

Estimate of Sampling Error

The 2013 NASIS sample is a simple random sample of households in the state with directory-listed telephones. Consequently, estimates of the sampling error are straightforward. For easy reference, Table 4 presents sampling errors for some of the most likely sample sizes. Exact sampling errors for alternative specifications of sample size and reported percentages can be easily computed by using the following formula for the 95% confidence level:

Sampling error = $1.96 \times \text{square root } (pq/N)$

p = the expected proportion selecting the answer

q = $1 - p$

N = sample size

TABLE 3
APPROXIMATE SAMPLING ERROR OF PERCENTAGES BY SELECTED SAMPLE SIZE
(Expressed in Percentages)*

Reported Percentage	Full Sample*(as provided to clients) N=1067	75% Sample N=800	50% Sample N=534	33.3% Sample N=355	25% Sample N=267	10% Sample N=107
50	3.00%	3.46%	4.24%	5.20%	6.00%	9.47%
40 or 60	2.94%	3.39%	4.15%	5.10%	5.88%	9.28%
30 or 70	2.75%	3.18%	3.89%	4.77%	5.50%	8.68%
20 or 80	2.40%	2.77%	3.39%	4.16%	4.80%	7.58%
10 or 90	1.80%	2.08%	2.54%	3.12%	3.60%	5.68%
5 or 95	1.31%	1.51%	1.85%	2.27%	2.61%	4.13%

* For most items the chances are 95% to 100% that the actual value lies within a range equal to the reported percentage, plus or minus the sampling error figures given in the table. These are only approximate estimates, as the use of weights in the sample will affect specific estimates in an unknown manner.

Appendix A: Cover Letters



BUREAU OF SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

DATE

Nebraska Resident
Address

Dear Nebraska Resident,

For the last 35 years Nebraskans like you have been asked to help researchers at UNL by giving their attitudes and opinions about issues affecting the state and the people who live here. This year your household has been randomly selected to continue in this tradition by participating in the Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey (NASIS). Please have the **adult age 19 or older in your household who will have the next birthday that will take place after July 1st, 2013** complete the questionnaire and return it in the enclosed envelope. Hearing from the person with the next birthday is very important because it ensures that we get responses from all different types of Nebraskans—men and women, the young and old, those who typically read the mail and those who do not.

This survey asks questions about opinions, characteristics, and behaviors so we can find out more about how Nebraskans think, feel, and live. Results of the survey have been used by Nebraska state agencies, the state Legislature, and researchers at UNL. Your participation is important; we can only be sure the data and the conclusions drawn from it are accurate if we hear from nearly everyone who is selected to participate.

While your participation will help us better understand how Nebraskans are doing these days, it is completely voluntary. There is no direct benefit if you participate and no negative consequence if you choose not to participate. You might notice that there is a unique identification number on your questionnaire. This number simply allows us to keep track of which households have already responded. When you return your survey, we will use this number to remove your address from our list. This allows us to make sure the answers you provide remain confidential and that we are not sending you reminders after you have responded. Additionally, all results will be reported so that no individual can be identified.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about this survey and can be reached by telephone at 1-800-480-4589 or by e-mail at bosr@unl.edu. This study has been reviewed and approved by the UNL Institutional Review Board (#). If you have questions about your rights as a participant, you may contact them at 402-472-6965.

I truly appreciate your time and help with the NASIS this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Richardson".

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«ID»

July 16, 2013

Nebraska Resident

«Street» «Apt»

«City», «STATE_ABBR» «ZIP»-«ZIP4»

Dear Nebraska Resident,

In early June we sent a letter to your address that asked a member of your household to complete the 2013 Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey, which asks for your experiences and opinions about a number of issues of importance to Nebraska. To the best of our knowledge the survey has not yet been returned.

We are writing again because getting your household's completed questionnaire is critically important to the quality of this research. It is only by hearing from nearly everyone in the sample that we can be sure our results truly represent the people of Nebraska. Accuracy is especially important to us because past results have been used in decision making by Nebraska state agencies, the state legislature, and administrators and researchers at UNL. Therefore, we hope the **adult age 19 or older in your household who will have the next birthday that will take place after July 1st, 2013** will complete the questionnaire soon. Hearing from the person with the next birthday is very important because it ensures that we get responses from all different types of Nebraskans—men and women, the young and old, those who typically read the mail and those who do not.

While participation is voluntary, you can help us a great deal by asking the adult age 19 or older with the next birthday in your household to take about 15 minutes to share their experiences and opinions. You might notice that there is a unique identification number on your questionnaire. This number simply allows us to keep track of which households have already responded. When you return your survey, we will use this number to remove your address from our list. This allows us to make sure the answers you provide remain confidential and that we are not sending you reminders after you have responded.

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This is the 35th year we have conducted this survey. We truly appreciate your help making it a success!

Sincerely,



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Question 40 Version 1

40. What is your current marital or relationship status?

- ☐ Married
- ☐ Married, living apart
- ☐ Not married, but living with a partner (cohabiting)
- ☐ Never married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Separated

→ Go to Question #42

Question 40 Version 2

40. What is your current marital or relationship status?

- ☐ Same-sex married
- ☐ Opposite-sex married
- ☐ Same-sex married, living apart
- ☐ Opposite-sex married, living apart
- ☐ Not married, but living with a same-sex partner (cohabiting)
- ☐ Not married, but living with an opposite-sex partner (cohabiting)
- ☐ Never married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Separated

→ Go to Question #42

Survey Instrument

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11. Have you experienced water shortages or water use restrictions in the last four years?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know, unsure

12. Have you experienced problems with flooding from a stream or river in the last four years?

- ☐ Yes, including damage or major harm to my property
☐ Yes, but not including damage or major harm to my property
☐ No

Wind Energy & Wildlife

13. How much do you agree or disagree that current wind energy regulations in Nebraska adequately protect wildlife?

- ☐ Strongly agree
☐ Agree
☐ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
☐ Do not know

14. How much would you support or oppose regulations in Nebraska that require wind energy development and operation to minimize impacts to wildlife?

- ☐ Strongly support
☐ Support
☐ Neither support nor oppose
☐ Oppose
☐ Strongly oppose

15. How much do you support or oppose wind energy development in remote, un-fragmented landscapes in Nebraska?

- ☐ Strongly support
☐ Support
☐ Neither support nor oppose
☐ Oppose
☐ Strongly oppose

16. How much do you agree or disagree that developers should pay for impacts of wind energy developments to native Nebraska habitats?

- ☐ Strongly agree
☐ Agree
☐ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
☐ Do not know

17. How concerned are you that each of the following types of wildlife listed below can be negatively impacted or killed as a result of wind energy development and/or operation?

	Very Concerned	Somewhat concerned	Slightly concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know
a. Eagles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Hawks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Songbirds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Cranes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Grouse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Ducks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Geese	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Bats	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Deer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Elk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Pronghorn Antelope	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Furbearers (animals trapped for their fur)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m. Endangered Species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recycling

18. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Manufacturers should pay the cost of providing recycling services for the products they create.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. I would be willing to pay no more than 1% of retail price when purchasing a consumer product to ensure it is recycled.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Manufacturers of products containing lead, mercury and other hazardous chemicals have a responsibility to keep these chemicals out of the environment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. If it were free, I would bring leftover medications to a pharmacy for proper disposal.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. If it were free, I would bring an old television or computer to a county recycling event or collection site instead of throwing it away.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. I would support laws obligating manufacturers to pay for recycling of products they create.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Local governments should not have to pay for the recycling of products that contain hazardous chemicals such as lead and mercury.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. The amount of money residents pay for waste collection should be based on the amount of waste they produce.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. How important is each of the following attributes in determining whether you would participate in a recycling program?

	Extremely important	Somewhat important	Slightly important	Not at all important	Would not participate in recycling program
a. Convenient collection as part of normal garbage service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Convenient drop-off sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. No cost to participate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Prevents damage to soil, air, and water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Program was paid for by manufacturers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Saves landfill space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Can recycle a wide range of product types	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Protects fish and wildlife from toxic products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Prevents damage to human health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. The recycling program employs local residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Conserves natural resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Helps prevent climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. Please indicate whether or not you have access to recycling services or take-back options in your community for each of the following items.

	Yes	No	Don't Know
a. Newspapers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Mail, magazines, catalogs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Aluminum cans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Tin cans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Fluorescent light bulbs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Plastic containers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Glass bottles and jars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Used motor oil	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Rechargeable batteries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Alkaline batteries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Lead-acid batteries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Computers and TVs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m. Tires	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
n. Home appliances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
o. Paint	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
p. Pharmaceuticals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Plant Management in Nebraska

21. Do you own or rent property in Nebraska with outdoor land for which you are the caretaker (e.g., garden, lawn, recreational, or agricultural land)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No → Go to question #30 [skip section]

22. How are unwanted plants managed or controlled in your yard or garden? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ I do not have unwanted plants in my yard
☐ I do not control any plants in my yard
☐ I mow unwanted plants
☐ I only remove unwanted plants from the garden
☐ I remove unwanted plants by cutting or digging them up with tools and/or machinery
☐ I spray unwanted plants with herbicides
☐ Other, specify:

23. Which of the following has been done to control unwanted plants on any of your property that is not your yard or garden? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ I do not own property beyond my yard (I only own a yard or garden)
☐ Prescribed fire or controlled burning (NOT burning brush piles)
☐ Herbicide application
☐ Mechanical removal (shovel, chainsaw, skid steer, bulldozer, or similar machines)
☐ Shredding or mowing
☐ Other, specify:
☐ No activities have been done on my property

24. Have you ever paid someone to manage or control unwanted plants on any of your property using any of the techniques in Questions 22 or 23?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No → Go to question #26

25. Which of the following is a reason you paid someone to manage or control unwanted plants on your property? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ I did not own the proper equipment
☐ I was not confident in my abilities to manage or control unwanted plants
☐ I did not know which plants to control
☐ I did not have time to do the work myself
☐ Other, specify:

26. Do you own or have access to equipment for controlling or removing unwanted plants on your property?

- ☐ I have all of the equipment I need
☐ I have some of the equipment I need
☐ I have none of the equipment I need
☐ I don't know what the proper equipment is for controlling or removing unwanted plants

27. How confident are you in your abilities to manage or control unwanted plants on your property.

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Slightly confident
- ☐ Not at all confident
- ☐ I have not thought about the kinds of plants on my property

28. Which of the following statements best describes your overall attitude toward plants on your property?

- ☐ All of the plants on my property are there for a reason, and should not be controlled
- ☐ A few species need to be controlled, the rest are fine
- ☐ I have not thought at all about the kinds of plants on my property

29. Prescribed fire (controlled burning) is a management tool used to improve forage quality, reduce wildfire risk, and control unwanted plants in rangelands and woodlands in Nebraska. In general, how would you describe your attitude toward the use of prescribed fire to control unwanted plants?

- ☐ Very positive
- ☐ Positive
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Negative
- ☐ Very negative
- ☐ Don't know

Politics & Policies

Next we are going to ask you questions about a number of political issues. We have heard lots of loud voices in the media on both sides of these issues, but we want to know what Nebraskans, like yourself, think about them.

30. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Nebraska should execute those convicted of murder	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The state should pay farmers not to irrigate to preserve water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Congress should provide subsidies to protect the Ogallala aquifer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Nebraska government should study the effects of climate change on the state	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Nebraska government should allow oil pipelines to cross the state	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. The state should provide publicly funded prenatal care for illegal immigrants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Nebraska should support stem cell research that explores potential cures for disease	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Early term abortions should be legal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Nebraska should eliminate state income taxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Agriculture subsidies are important to preserve farms in Nebraska	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Government should do more to prevent the flow of illegal immigrants into the state	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. How favorable or unfavorable would you rate each of the following groups or individuals?

	Very favorable	Favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Unfavorable	Very unfavorable
a. Nebraska's Governor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The Unicameral	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. The Republican Party	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. The Democratic Party	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. The "Tea Party"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. The U.S. President	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

32. How would you describe your feelings toward the following groups?

	Very favorable	Favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Unfavorable	Very unfavorable
a. Mormons	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Muslims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Atheists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. African Americans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Hispanics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Gay men and lesbians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

33. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to legally marry?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Favor Civil Unions only
- ☐ Oppose

34. The Defense of Marriage Act or DOMA prohibits the federal government from recognizing marriages between gay or lesbian couples and allows states to not recognize marriages between gay and lesbian couples performed in other states. Do you favor or oppose the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Oppose

35. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Oppose

36. Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gay men and lesbians from housing discrimination?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Oppose

37. Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gay men and lesbians from job discrimination?

- ☐ Favor
- ☐ Oppose

About Your Household

Please indicate if each of the following statements is true or false.

38. There are 25 or more books in your home right now.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

39. There is a variety of magazines and other reading materials in your home.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

40. What is your current marital or relationship status?

- ☐ Married
- ☐ Married, living apart
- ☐ Not married, but living with a partner (cohabiting)
- ☐ Never married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Separated

→ Go to Question #42

41. Does your spouse or partner typically work full-time, part-time, go to school, keep house, or something else? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Working full-time (35 hours or more)
☐ Working part-time
☐ Has a job, but not at work (due to illness, vacation, strike)
☐ Unemployed, laid off, looking for work
☐ Retired
☐ In school
☐ Keeping house
☐ Disabled
☐ Other, specify:

42. Are you still living in the same residence as you were 2 years ago?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

43. Do you live on a farm, in open country but not on a farm, or in a town or city?

- ☐ Farm
☐ Open country, but not a farm
☐ Town or city

44. Including yourself, how many adults age 19 and older live in your household?

Number of adults (age 19 and older)

45. How many children ages:
(Please write "0" if none.)

a. 5 and younger live in your household?

b. 6 to 12 live in your household?

c. 13 to 18 live in your household?

Home and Finances

46. Do you or some member of your household own your home outright, buying it, or renting?

- ☐ Own outright
☐ Buying (paying a mortgage)
☐ Renting
☐ Provided as part of job/wages

Other, specify:

47. Which of the following comes closest to the kind of housing unit you now live in?

- ☐ Detached single family house
☐ Mobile home
☐ Townhouse/Condominium
☐ Apartment/Duplex
☐ Other, specify:

48. How many years have you lived in this Nebraska county? (Please enter "0" if less than 1 year.)

year(s)

49. Please indicate the category that describes your total family income in the last 12 months.

- ☐ Under \$5,000
☐ \$5,000 to \$9,999
☐ \$10,000 to \$14,999
☐ \$15,000 to \$19,999
☐ \$20,000 to \$24,999
☐ \$25,000 to \$29,999
☐ \$30,000 to \$39,999
☐ \$40,000 to \$49,999
☐ \$50,000 to \$59,999
☐ \$60,000 to \$74,999
☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999
☐ \$100,000 or more

50. During the past 12 months, how much difficulty have you had paying your bills?

- ☐ A great deal of difficulty
☐ Quite a bit of difficulty
☐ Some difficulty
☐ A little difficulty
☐ No difficulty at all

51. Think again over the past 12 months. Generally, at the end of each month did you end up with_{you}

- ☐ More than enough money left
☐ Some money left over
☐ Just enough to make ends meet
☐ Almost enough to make ends meet
☐ Not enough to make ends meet

52. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current financial situation?

- ☐ Very satisfied
☐ Satisfied
☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
☐ Dissatisfied
☐ Very dissatisfied

53. What about your financial prospects? Do you feel that you are better off this year than you were two years ago at this time, about the same, or worse off?

- ☐ Better
- ☐ Same
- ☐ Worse

The following statements concern your family's financial situation. For each statement, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

54. My family has enough money to afford the kind of home we need.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

55. We have enough money to afford the kind of clothing we need.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

56. We have enough money to afford the kind of food we need.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

57. We have enough money to afford the kind of medical care we need.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Personal Feelings

58. Now we have some statements about how you might have felt during the past week. Below, please indicate the number of days in the past week, including today, that:

- a. You felt sad. days (0-7)
- b. You felt hopeful about the future. days (0-7)
- c. You felt you were as good as other people. days (0-7)
- d. You felt bothered by things that usually don't bother you. days (0-7)
- e. You felt lonely. days (0-7)
- f. You had trouble keeping your mind on what you were doing. days (0-7)
- g. You felt that everything you did was an effort. days (0-7)
- h. You felt fearful. days (0-7)
- i. You talked less than usual. days (0-7)
- j. You felt depressed. days (0-7)
- k. You did not feel like eating; your appetite was poor. days (0-7)
- l. You felt that you could not shake off the blues even with the help of family or friends. days (0-7)
- m. Your sleep was restless. days (0-7)
- n. You could not get "going." days (0-7)

About Yourself

59. Are you:

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

60. Do you think of yourself as:

- ☐ Heterosexual/straight
- ☐ Homosexual/gay or lesbian
- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Something else
- ☐ Not sure

61. As far as you know, are any of your immediate family members, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, or close friends, gay, lesbian, or bisexual?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

62. Were you born in Nebraska, another state, or a foreign country?

- ☐ Nebraska
- ☐ Another state
- ☐ Foreign country

63. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino/a?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

64. What race or races do you consider yourself to be? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ White (Caucasian)
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other, specify:

65. With regard to the English language, how well do you understand it when it is spoken to you?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Well
- ☐ Not well
- ☐ Not at all

66. With regard to the English language, how well do you read it?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Well
- ☐ Not well
- ☐ Not at all

67. With regard to the English language, how well do you write it?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Well
- ☐ Not well
- ☐ Not at all

68. What is the highest degree you have attained?

- ☐ No diploma
- ☐ High School Diploma/GED
- ☐ Some college, but no degree
- ☐ Technical/Associate/Junior College (2 yr, LPN)
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree (4 yr, BA, BS, RN)
- ☐ Graduate Degree (Masters, PhD, Law, Medicine)

69. Have you or has anyone in your household ever attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

70. Do you typically work full-time, part-time, go to school, keep house, or something else? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Working full-time (35 hours or more)
- ☐ Working part-time
- ☐ Has a job, but not at work (due to illness, vacation, strike)
- ☐ Unemployed, laid off, looking for work
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ In school
- ☐ Keeping house
- ☐ Disabled
- ☐ Other, specify:

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#73

71. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your job?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

72. During the average week, how many hours do you usually work? (Please include hours from all jobs but do not include travel to and from work.)

 hours per week

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73. In general, how would you describe your political views?

- ☐ Very liberal
☐ Liberal
☐ Middle-of-the-road
☐ Conservative
☐ Very conservative
☐ Other, specify:

74. In general, what do you consider yourself politically?

- ☐ Democrat
☐ Republican
☐ Independent
☐ Other, specify:

75. Who did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential Election?

- ☐ Obama
☐ Romney
☐ Other, specify:

☐ Did not vote

76. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, or something else?

- ☐ Protestant
☐ Catholic
☐ Jewish
☐ Muslim
☐ None (no religion)
☐ Other, specify:

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#78

77. Within the Protestant faith, do you consider yourself to be:

- ☐ Evangelical
☐ Fundamentalist Protestant
☐ Mainline Protestant
☐ Liberal Protestant
☐ Other, specify:

78. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

79. How often do you attend religious services?

- ☐ Several times a week
☐ Once a week
☐ Nearly every week
☐ About once a month
☐ Several times a year
☐ About once a year
☐ Less than once a year
☐ Never

80. In general, how much do your religious or spiritual beliefs influence your daily life?

- ☐ Very much
☐ Quite a bit
☐ Some
☐ A little
☐ None

☐ Doesn't apply, not religious or spiritual

81. In what year were you born?

82. Would you say that your overall health and well-being is excellent, good, fair or poor?

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair
☐ Poor

83. Do you smoke cigarettes?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

84. In the past year, have you been the victim of any crime?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

85. What is your current zip code?

Appendix C: Future Interest Research Form

We are in the process of putting together a list of people who are willing to be contacted in the future to be a part of other social research projects. Please complete the questions below to let us know if you are interested, and, if so, how we can reach you again. We have included a separate envelope for you to use to return this card separately from your survey responses.

NASIS 2013

Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey

Future Research Interest Form



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1. Would you be willing to be contacted again by researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to participate in future research?

☐ Yes
☐ No → Flip card over for return instructions.

Great! Please tell us a little about yourself, so we know who to ask for and how best to reach you in the future.

2. What is your name?

First name: _____

Last name: _____

3. What is your telephone number, including area code? If you have more than one phone number, please provide the one that would be BEST for us to call.

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

☐ N/A, no phone at this time. → Go to #6.

4. Is the phone number you provided a cell (mobile, wireless) phone number?

☐ Yes
☐ No

5. Is it OK to leave an answering machine or voicemail message for you on this phone?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A, no answering machine or voicemail at this time.

Many times we contact people through the Internet to conduct surveys.

6. Would you be willing to provide an e-mail address we could use to let you know about additional research opportunities?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A, no e-mail at this time. → Go to #8.

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7. What is your e-mail address? Be assured that your e-mail will not be disclosed nor used for any purpose other than to contact you about future research studies.

_____ @ _____

8. What is the BEST way to contact you about future research studies?

☐ Mail
☐ Phone
☐ E-mail
☐ Other, please specify: _____

9. Finally, please indicate below any other information that would help us determine what kinds of future research you would be interested in or further details about how best to contact you with future study details.

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Thank you!

Please use the small, postage-paid envelope enclosed in your survey packet to return this card to the Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR) separately from your survey.

Any questions or inquiries about NASIS 2013 or future research can be directed to:

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Phone: 402-472-3672, Toll-free: 1-800-480-4549
E-mail: bosr@unl.edu, Web: <http://bosr.unl.edu>



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Appendix D: Reminder Postcard

Dear Nebraska Resident,

For 35 years Nebraskans like you have been helping researchers from across the state by sharing your experiences and opinions in the Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey. We are asking you to continue this tradition by completing the 2013 survey, which was sent to your household last week. If you have already completed it, please accept our sincere thanks. If not, we ask that the **adult age 19 or older in your household who will have the next birthday to take place after July 1st, 2013** complete the survey today.

While participation is voluntary, you can help us a great deal by having the correct person in your household take a few minutes to share their experiences and opinions. All answers will be kept completely confidential. If you did not receive a questionnaire or if it was misplaced, please call 1-800-480-4549 and we will send another one immediately. Again, we appreciate your help and look forward to receiving your survey.

Sincerely,
Amanda Richardson, Assistant Director
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Appendix E: 2011 County Codes

County Codes

003 Antelope (4)	093 Howard (3)	183 Wheeler (3)
005 Arthur (2)	095 Jefferson (6)	185 York (6)
007 Banner (1)	097 Johnson (6)	
009 Blaine (3)	099 Kearney (3)	
011 Boone (4)	101 Keith (2)	
013 Box Butte (1)	103 Keya Paha (4)	
015 Boyd (4)	105 Kimball (1)	
017 Brown (4)	107 Knox (4)	
019 Buffalo (3)	109 Lancaster (6)	
021 Burt (4)	111 Lincoln (2)	
023 Butler (8)	113 Logan (2)	
025 Cass (6)	115 Loup(3)	
027 Cedar (4)	117 McPherson (2)	
029 Chase (2)	119 Madison (4)	
031 Cherry (4)	121 Merrick (3)	
033 Cheyenne (1)	123 Morrill (1)	
035 Clay (3)	125 Nance (4)	
037 Colfax (4)	127 Nemaha (6)	
039 Cuming (4)	129 Nuckolls (3)	
041 Custer (3)	131 Otoe (6)	
043 Dakota (4)	133 Pawnee (6)	
045 Dawes (1)	135 Perkins (2)	
047 Dawson (2)	137 Phelps (2)	
049 Deuel (1)	139 Pierce (4)	
051 Dixon (4)	141 Platte (4)	
053 Dodge (5)	143 Polk (6)	
055 Douglas (5)	145 Red Willow (2)	
057 Dundy (2)	147 Richardson (6)	
059 Fillmore (6)	149 Rock (4)	
061 Franklin (2)	151 Saline (6)	
063 Frontier (2)	153 Sarpy (5)	
065 Furnas (2)	155 Saunders (6)	
067 Gage (6)	157 Scotts Bluff (1)	
069 Garden (1)	159 Seward (6)	
071 Garfield (3)	161 Sheridan (1)	
073 Gosper (2)	163 Sherman (3)	
075 Grant (2)	165 Sioux (1)	
077 Greeley (3)	167 Stanton (4)	
079 Hall (3)	169 Thayer (6)	
081 Hamilton (3)	171 Thomas (2)	
083 Harlan (2)	173 Thurston (4)	
085 Hayes (2)	175 Valley (3)	
087 Hitchcock (2)	177 Washington (5)	
089 Holt (4)	179 Wayne (4)	
091 Hooker (2)	181 Webster (3)	

Appendix F: 2013 NASIS Variables and Descriptions

Variable	Description (Label)
ID	survey ID number
REC	record number
NElive	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with living in Nebraska
NEdir	All in all, do you think things in Nebraska are generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction
USdir	All in all, do you think things in the country as a whole are generally headed in the right direction or wrong direction
NDOR1	How much do you agree or disagree that NDOR does a good job of communicating information on proposed highway improvement projects
NDOR2A	Proposed project: News release
NDOR2B	Proposed project: NDOR website
NDOR2C	Proposed project: Project information letter
NDOR2D	Proposed project: Public meeting
NDOR2E	Proposed project: Highway message boards and signs
NDOR2F	Proposed project: Social media
NDOR3	How much do you agree or disagree that NDOR does a good job of communicating information on highway projects that are under construction
NDOR4A	Construction: News release
NDOR4B	Construction: NDOR web site
NDOR4C	Construction: Project information letter
NDOR4D	Construction: Public meeting
NDOR4E	Construction: Highway message boards
NDOR4F	Construction: Social media
NDNR1	How familiar are you with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
NDNR2	How confident are you that the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources can responsibly manage Nebraska's water supply
NDNR3	How urgent are water quantity issues in Nebraska
NDNR4	Have you experienced water shortages or water use restrictions in the last four years
NDNR5	Have you experienced problems with flooding from a stream or river in the last four years
wind1	How much do you agree or disagree that current wind energy regulations in Nebraska adequately protect wildlife
wind2	How much would you support or oppose regulations in Nebraska that require wind energy development and operation to minimize impacts to wildlife
wind3	How much do you support or oppose wind energy development in remote, unfragmented landscapes in Nebraska
wind4	How much do you agree or disagree that developers should pay for impacts of wind energy developments to native Nebraska habitats
wind5A	Eagles
wind5B	Hawks
wind5C	Songbirds

wind5D	Cranes
wind5E	Grouse
wind5F	Ducks
wind5G	Geese
wind5H	Bats
wind5I	Deer
wind5J	Elk
wind5K	Pronghorn antelope
wind5L	Furbearers
wind5M	Endangered species
rec1A	Manufacturers pay costs
rec1B	I am willing to pay more
rec1C	Manufacturers have a responsibility
rec1D	Leftover medications
rec1E	Old electronics
rec1F	Laws obligating manufacturers to pay for recycling
rec1G	Local govt should not pay for recycling hazardous materials
rec1H	Amount pay for waste collection
rec2A	Convenient as part of normal garbage service
rec2B	Convenient drop-off sites
rec2C	No cost to participate
rec2D	Prevents damage to soil, air, and water quality
rec2E	Program was paid for by manufacturers
rec2F	Saves landfill space
rec2G	Can recycle a wide range of products
rec2H	Protects fish and wildlife from toxic products
rec2I	Prevents damage to human health
rec2J	The recycling program employs local residents
rec2K	Conserves natural resources
rec2L	Helps prevent climate change
rec3A	Newspapers
rec3B	Mail, magazines, catalogs
rec3C	Aluminum cans
rec3D	Tin cans
rec3E	Fluorescent light bulbs
rec3F	Plastic containers
rec3G	Glass bottles and jars
rec3H	Used motor oil
rec3I	Rechargeable batteries
rec3J	Alkaline batteries
rec3K	Lead-acid batteries
rec3L	Computers and TVs
rec3M	Tires

rec3N	Home appliances
rec3O	Paint
rec3P	Pharmaceuticals
plant1	Do you own or rent property in Nebraska with outdoor land for which you are the caretaker
plant2A	I do not have unwanted plants in my yard
plant2B	I do not control any plants in my yard
plant2C	I mow unwanted plants
plant2D	I only remove unwanted plants from the garden
plant2E	I remove unwanted plants by cutting or digging them up with tools and or machinery
plant2F	I spray unwanted plants with herbicides
plant2G	Other way to control unwanted yard or garden plants
plant2_ot	Control unwanted yard or garden plants other specify
plant3A	I do not own property beyond my yard
plant3B	Prescribed fire
plant3C	Herbicide application
plant3D	Mechanical removal
plant3E	Shredding or mowing
plant3F	Other
plant3_ot	Control unwanted plants not yard or garden other specify
plant3G	No activities have been done on my property
plant4	Have you ever paid someone to manage or control unwanted plants on any of your property using any of the techniques in questions 22 or 23
plant5A	I did not own the proper equipment
plant5B	I was not confident in my abilities
plant5C	I did not know which plants to control
plant5D	I did not have time to do the work myself
plant5E	Other reason paid to control unwanted plants
plant5_ot	Reason paid to control unwanted plants other specify
plant6	Do you own or have access to equipment for controlling or removing unwanted plants on your property
plant7	How confident are you in your abilities to manage or control unwanted plants on your property
plant8	Which of the following statements best describes your overall attitude toward plants on your property
plant9	In general, how would you describe our attitude toward the use of prescribed fire to control unwanted plants
cappun	Nebraska should execute those convicted of murder
payfarm	The state should pay farmers not to irrigate
aquifer	Congress should provide subsidies to protect the Ogallala aquifer
studyclim	Nebraska govt should study the effects of climate change on the state
pipelin	Nebraska govt should allow oil pipelines to cross the state
prenatal	The state should provide publically funded prenatal care for illegal immigrants

stemcell	Nebraska should support stem cell research that explores potential cures for disease
abort	Early term abortions should be legal
inctax	Nebraska should eliminate state income taxes
agsub	Ag subsidies are important to perserve Nebraska farms
immigrant	Govt should do more to prevent the flow of illegal immigrants into the state
gov	Nebraskas governor
unicam	The Unicameral
gop	The Republican Party
dems	The Democratic Party
teaparty	The Tea Party
pres	The US President
mormon	Mormons
muslim	Muslims
atheist	Atheists
africanam	African Americans
hispan	Hispanics
gays	Gay men and lesbians
gaymarry	Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to legally marry
doma	Do you favor or oppose the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)
gayadopt	Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children
gayhomes	Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gay men and lesbians from housing discrimination
gayjobs	Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gay men and lesbians from job discrimination
Lit1	There are 25 or more books in your home right now
Lit2	There is a variety of magazines and other reading materials in your home
Q40	
Semp1	Spouse or partner is working a fulltime job
Semp2	Spouse or partner is working a parttime job
Semp3	Spouse or partner is with a job but not at work
Semp4	Spouse or partner is unemployed
Semp5	Spouse or partner is retired
Semp6	Spouse or partner is in school
Semp7	Spouse or partner is keeping house
Semp8	Spouse or partner is disabled
Semp9	Spouse or partner is other
Semp_ot	Spouse or partner is other specfy
resi	Are you still living in the same residence as you were 2 years ago
rurb	Do you live on a farm, in open country but not on a farm, or in a town or city
adults	Including yourself how many adults 19 and older live in your household
kids0to5	How many children 5 and younger live in your household
kids6to12	How many children 6 to 12 live in your household
kids13up	How many children 13 to 18 live in your household
ohom	Do you or some member of your household own your home outright, buying it, or

	renting
ohom_ot	Own home other specify
home	Which of the following comes closest to the kind of housing unit you now live in
home_ot	Housing unit other specify
live10m	How many years have you lived in this county
income	Please indicate the category that describes your total family income in the last 12 months
fs5	During the past 12 months how much difficulty have you had paying your bills
fs6	Think again over the past 12 months. Generally at the end of each month did you end up with
fina	Overall how satisfied are you with your current financial situation
pros	What about your financial prospects? Do you feel that you are better off this year than you were two years ago at this time, about the same, or worse off
fs1	My family has enough money to afford the kind of home we need
fs2	We have enough money to afford the kind of clothing we need
fs3	We have enough money to afford the kind of food we need
fs4	We have enough money to afford the kind of medical care we need
sad	Days you felt sad in past week
hope	Days you felt hopeful in past week
good	Days you felt you were as good as other people in past week
bother	Days you felt bothered by things in past week
lonely	Days you felt lonely in past week
mind	Days you had trouble keeping your mind in past week
effort	Days you felt that everything you did was an effort in past week
fearful	Days you felt fearful in past week
talk	Days you talked less than usual in past week
felt	Days you felt depressed in past week
eat	Days you did not feel like eating in past week
blues	Days you felt that you could not shake off the blues in past week
sleep	Days your sleep was restless in past week
going	Days you could not get going in past week
sexr	Are you (sex)
sexorien	Do you think of yourself as (sexual orientation)
lgbfriend	As far as you know, are any of your immediate family members, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, or close friends, gay, lesbian, or bisexual
born1	Were you born in Nebraska, another state, or a foreign country
hisp1	Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino/a
race_1	Race: White
race_2	Race: Black
race_3	Race: Asian
race_4	Race: American Indian
race_5	Race: Native Hawaiian
race_6	Race: Other

race_ot	Other race please specify
Lit3	With regard to the English language, how well do you understand it when it is spoken to you
Lit4	With regard to the English language, how well do you read it
Lit5	With regard to the English language, how well do you write it
degr	What is the highest degree you have attained
unlattend	Have you or has anyone in your household ever attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
empl1_13	You: Working a fulltime job
empl2_13	You: Working a parttime job
empl3_13	You: Has a job, but not at work (due to illness, vacaion, strike)
empl4_13	You: Unemployed, laid off, looking
empl5_13	You: Retired
empl6_13	You: In school
empl7_13	You: Keeping house
empl8_13	You: Disabled
empl9_13	You: Other
empl_ot_13	You: Other specfy
jsat	How satisfied are you with your job
whrs	During the average week how many hours do you usually work
part	Liberal and conservative are terms often used to describe peoples beliefs about politics and government. Where do you see yourself politically
part_ot	Liberal and conservative: Other, specify
poli	Generally speaking do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else
pol_ot	Democrat: Other, specify
vote12	Who did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential Election
vote12_ot	2012 Presidential Vote other specify
relgaffil	Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, or something else
relgaffil_ot	Religion: Other specify
Protfaith	Within the Protestant faith, do you consider yourself to be
Protfaith_ot	Protestant: Other specify
bornagain	Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian
ratt	How often do you attend religious services
relinflu	In general how do your religious or spiritual beliefs influence your daily life
agyr	In what year were you born
scwell	Would you say that your overall health and wellbeing is excellent, good, fair, or poor
smoke	Do you smoke cigarettes
crvict	In the past year have you been a victim of any crime
rzipcod	What is your current zip code
REREC	re-entered record number
REID	re-entered ID number
Pweight	Final weight of data for representativeness

agecat	Age category
racecat	Race/ethnic category
EMPL	[recoded single category as in phone NASIS] Respondent's current employment status
SEMP	[recoded single category as in phone NASIS] Spouse/Partner's current employment status